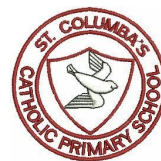


St Columba's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Week Commencing Monday 18th December

Note from the Headteacher

Dear parents,/carers

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families and very happy and holy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year.

It has been a wonderful Autumn term; there has been so much to celebrate and enjoy. This is due to the dedication and hard work of our staff, our wonderful children and their supportive families.

Please find below some examples of the many successes, as well as some important dates for when we return.

Very best wishes, Miss Evans.

Bedtime Reading

Bedtime reading was a huge success. Staff and families were thrilled to see it return. Thank you to all staff that helped to make it was such a successful event and thank you to all of our families for turning up and showing us your support.

Another one will be coming soon.

Opening and closing of the school gate:

Can all parents/carers ensure that your child is in the school gates by **8:55am**. This includes Nursery and Reception children. Staff need to lock the school gates at 8:55am so that we can all start our school day.

Children who are consistently arriving late, through the office, will be invited to a punctuality meeting as soon as we return.

Important dates for Christmas

- A whole school Carol Service is **Monday 18th December at 9:30am**. Parents are welcome to join us.
- School **closes** for Christmas on **Tuesday 19th December at 2pm**.
- School re-opens on **Thursday 4th January 2024**.



Our Wonderful Nativity

On Thursday we were so proud to watch our wonderful Nativity production, presented to us by our Reception children and Key Stage 1 classes. What a wonderful performance it was! We are so proud of our staff and children for igniting our Christmas spirit.

Next, we were treated to a wonderful presentation by our fantastic Nursery class. Again the Christmas spirit was fuelled. Our 3 and 4 year olds were so confident and proud- as were there parents and families.

Thank you to all of our dedicated staff.

ATTENDANCE

Above 97%	96% - 97%	Under 96%
Exceeding Target	On Target	Below Target
Class	Graded	%
Nursery	below	87.8%
Reception	Below	90.1%
Class 1	Below	93.3%
Class 2	Nearly there	95%
Class 3	Below	93.8%
Class 4	Below	92.4%
Class 5	On Target	94.7%
Class 6	Exceeding	93.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL	Below	92.9%

Attendance is a real priority at St Columba. We recognise and value the importance of attending school on time and regularly. Clearly, children need to be in school to learn and make progress.

As it stands at the moment, St Columba's attendance is below the Local Authority average and the National Average. Therefore this is an area that we all need to work together on- staff, children and families alike.

It would be great if we could all make a New Year promise to work together to ensure that we give our children the best opportunity of achieving their full potential.

Attendance prizes and rewards



Year 2, the winning **AUT 1** class, thoroughly enjoyed their trip to see Peter Pan



The **AUT 2** winning class was YEAR 1. They enjoyed Cosy Christmas Movie afternoon.

To give all classes a chance of winning, we will now start again to find the best class attendance for Spring Term 1. This time we will be asking children and parents to vote for what they would like to be the prize. Details of how you can vote will be shared on the first week back.

School Clubs for Spring term

Yoga:

THURSDAY Until 4pm
Year 5—Spring 1
Year 3 Spring 2

KAHOOT

THURSDAY Until 4pm
Year 5 and 6.

Choir:

Wednesday until 3:45pm.
Huyton Choir until 5pm.

SPORTS:

TUESDAY until 4pm.
Gymnastics – Spring 1
Hockey– Spring 2

Violin:

Year 5 and 6.
Wednesday until 4:10pm.(Year 3 and 4 will also be offered a place.)

PHONICS FUN

Thursday until 4pm

Full School Uniform

Please inform school if you are struggling to purchase school uniforms. We have some pre-loved uniform and can also support any families who are financially struggling with buying them.